

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 14, 1960

To-

Patrolman J. D. Tippit
Radio Patrol Division

Subject:

I have received a letter from Mr. Richard G. Johnston commending you and Patrolman Jackson for your efficiency in recovering some stolen property for him.

This commendation will be made a part of your personnel file.

JEC:ES

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

The only reason you and I are here is to assist the people of Dallas

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM May 16, 1955

To: Mr. J. E. Curry
Asst. Chief of Police

Subject:

Attached you will find special report from J. D. Tiptit, Patrolman in the Police Patrol Division, setting out his reasons for not appearing in court on May 12th at 11:00am.

This is not an acceptable reason and recommend that we follow our policy of sending the officer to lose one day without pay where he cannot give an acceptable excuse and miss court the second time. This is the second time Officer Tiptit has failed to be in court on his regular court day, consequently, I recommend one day without pay.

C. P. Wright

OW/a

C. P. Wright
Deputy Chief of Police
Patrol Division

April 8, 1957

Mr. C. F. Hanson
Chief of Police

Subject: Nomination of Officer J. D. Tippit
for Superior Award.

Sir:

Officer J. D. Tippit has been with the department since July 28, 1952. He has worked in the Radio Patrol Division since his graduation from police recruit school.

Patrolman Tippit has a broad knowledge of police work and it is his desire to perform his duty in a manner to bring credit to the department and himself. His knowledge of police work and his steady influence on younger partners has been used to a good advantage in breaking in newer officers.

Officer Tippit is well liked by his associates and gets along good with all the men who have worked with him. All the officers who know Officer Tippit have a high regard for him and respect his judgement.

Officer Tippit is a devoted family man and very fond of his two children. He spends most of his off duty time with his family and they usually plan their activities and trips where they can attend together. Officer Tippit attends church with his family when his off duty hours permit.

The initiative of Officer Tippit is best expressed by his work record and his desire to do extra police work to help better himself in his neighborhood surroundings. The desire of this man to better himself in his chosen profession and to be a well liked and respected family man is evident to his associates.

Officer Tippit is keen in his observation of all unusual incidents on his district and he makes every effort to become as familiar with his district as possible.

Officer Tippit was not able to work the last two months of 1956 because of an injury sustained while on duty. He made 911 total arrests during the ten months he was able to work. He made 348 jail arrests, issued 524 moving traffic violations and issued 38 parking tickets. This excellent work record was accomplished on district 104, which is primarily a residential section of town.

Officer Tippit was outstanding with his judgement and quick thinking during 1956.

On April 28, 1956 at approximately 8:30 P. M. Officer Tippit and his partner received a radio call to meet complainant regarding a demented person. Upon

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM April 26, 1955

To- Mr. C. F. Hansson
Chief of Police

Subject:

Attached you will find special report over the signature of J. D. Tippit and J. C. Wallace, Patrolmen in the Radio Patrol Division, concerning injury to a prisoner while in their custody. (San Richard Curbow).

This could not be helped by those officers, they were not lax in their duty as they had the prisoner handcuffed.

I find no fault with the manner in which this incident was handled.

OPW/a

O. P. Wright
O. P. Wright
Deputy Chief of Police
Patrol Division

PERSONAL COMMENDATION

Name of Employee Commended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Division			
Patrolman G. C. Fox and J. D. Elzyt		Patrol			
PERSON MAKING COMMENDATION					
Name		Address		Phone	
Mr. J. M. Kendrick		734 N. Franklin Street, Dallas, Texas			
Details of commendation (include time and place):					
<p>Mr. Kendrick wrote to report the manner in which Officers Fox and Elzyt are enforcing parking restrictions in the 700 block of North Franklin. He expressed his thanks for the officer's efforts to improve traffic in Dallas.</p>					
Received	Date	Time	Phone	Letter	Person
	7-26-54			X	

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By G. C. HAYES
 CHIEF OF POLICE

(Prepare in Quadruplicate)

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

May 15, 1961

Subject: Complaint against Officer J. D. Tippit

I have reviewed Sergeant H. H. Stringer's report of this incident, and talked in person to Officer Tippit on May 12, 1961. Officer Tippit states he told Mrs. Stegall to bring her driver's license when she appeared for court. Officer Tippit did not walk across the street to Mrs. Stegall's car and apparently she did not understand what he had told her. He now realizes that his actions were discourteous, and that he should have made sure Mrs. Stegall understood.

I have verbally reprimanded Officer Tippit for his actions in this incident and recommend no further action.

NTF/ar

N. T. Fisher
N. T. Fisher
Deputy Chief of Police
Patrol Division

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May 10, 1961

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Complaint of Mrs. Ruth Stegall alleging discourtesy by Officer J. D. Tippit.

Complaint No. 61-28.

Sir:

Mrs. Stegall called the Personnel Office about 3:30 p.m., May 6, 1961 and stated Officer Tippit gave her a ticket for Running a Blinking Light and No Operator's License shortly before then. She said she drove up the street a short distance and found her license and returned and found the officer talking to another person. She said she stopped across the street from the officer and held up her license and told the officer she had found her license. She stated Officer Tippit told her he was busy then and would talk to her in a minute, but got in his car and drove away when he finished talking with the other person leaving her sitting there. She felt he was being discourteous by not coming and talking to her.

Statement of Officer J. D. Tippit:

I gave Mrs. Stegall a ticket for Running a Red Blinking Light on Edgefield at Beckley Friday afternoon, May 6, 1961. She said she had changed purses and could not find her drivers license, so I also gave her a ticket for No Operators License. About 30 minutes later, I was stopped writing another ticket a little further North on Edgefield and Mrs. Stegall stopped on the other side of the street and told me she had found her license. I excused myself from the man I was with and told Mrs. Stegall to bring them with her to the court with the ticket. When I finished writing the man I had stopped at that time, I drove away. I did not realize Mrs. Stegall was still there. I thought she had found out what she wanted to know. If she was still there and was expecting me to talk further with her, I am sorry. I certainly would not have been that discourteous had I known she understood things that way.

Note: The tickets issued to Mrs. Stegall were set in Court #3 at 9:00 a.m., May 19, 1961. They were issued at 2:20 p.m., May 6, 1961, and the ticket Officer Tippit was writing at the time Mrs. Stegall returned and showed him her license was dated at 2:45 p.m. Mrs. Stegall possibly might have had time to have gone home and returned with her license. She must have gone longer than she inferred when she reported the incident.

Mrs. Stegall entered the hospital May 9, 1961. Her daughter was contacted May 10, 1961 and she is going to bring the tickets to the Fines Bureau with Mrs. Stegall's license and take care of the tickets for her. Mrs. Stegall will be contacted later and given an explanation of why the officer did not talk to her further. It is possible she did understand but used that as an excuse to complain about the tickets.

Call Missed By Squad

Squad 93 Platoon 2nd

Address 1215 TURNER

District 9K

Nature of Complaint INT. PERSON

meet 600

Call Received NOV Time 10 48 AM

Squad Called First Time 10 48

Squad Called Second Time 10 49

Squad Called Third Time 10 50

Squad Contacted Time 10 54

Call Given to Squad No. 95 Time 10 51 AM

Dispatcher 1st Lt. Darnell Date 5-15-63

GRH

792
20 cpts Jellbert
5/15/63

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To- Patrolman J. D. Tippitt
Patrol Division

September 14, 1954

Subject: COMMENDATION

Mr. Jesse L. Walden of 2617 Ryan Place, Fort Worth stopped by the Traffic Office on September 11th to commend the manner in which you issued him a traffic ticket.

Mr. Walden stated that your manner was confident and friendly and he felt that for the first time in his life he had been issued a ticket by a "perfect police officer".

I am very pleased with such comments regarding the work of police personnel and a record of the commendation will be placed in your personnel file.

C. F. HANSSON
CHIEF OF POLICE

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June 14, 1960

Mr. Richard G. Johnston
1641 West Pentagon Parkway
Dallas 24, Texas

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Thank you for writing me to express appreciation for the recovery of some of your stolen property. I am just as pleased as you are that Patrolmen Jackson and Tippit were able to render this service to you. Your comments will be passed on to these officers and your letter will be made a part of their personnel files.

I am deeply grateful to you for your remarks about the courtesy, efficiency, and neatness of the members of this department. We are proud of this organization and hope that we will always be able to give the city of Dallas the highest type of law enforcement.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

JEC:ES

J. D. Tippit
April 23, 1959

Mr. C. F. Hanson
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Injury to Cande Martinez Arrendondo
while effecting arrest

Sir:

At approximately 6:43 P. M., April 23, 1959, while working District 94, we received a Disturbance Call at the Cockrell Hill Police Station.

Upon our arrival at this location, we met Mrs. Chonite Arrendondo. She stated that her husband, Cande Martinez Arrendondo, w/m/30, had just been released from jail and had been whipping her. We went with her to the home at 4463 Moler. We found upset furniture and broken dishes in the house. We took her back to the car. Mr. Arrendondo followed us to the car and attempted to attack Mrs. Arrendondo. He also struck Officer Wagner in the face. A restraining hold subdued Arrendondo. During the struggle to subdue Arrendondo, he received a broken upper right tooth. He had recently had dental work done on this tooth.

Mr. Arrendondo was treated at Parkland Hospital and then placed in jail charged with being Drunk and Disorderly Aggravated.

Respectfully submitted,

JDT/RCW/tlf

[Signature]

[Signature]

J. D. Tippit
J. D. Tippit
Patrolman #348
Radio Patrol Division

R. C. Wagner
R. C. Wagner
Patrolman #1480
Radio Patrol Division

[Signature]

Final

PERSONAL COMMENDATION

Name of Employee Commended			Division		
J. D. Tippet			Radio Patrol		
PERSON MAKING COMMENDATION					
Name		Address		Phone	
Jesse L. Walden		2617 Ryan Place Drive Ft. Worth, Texas		Wi-2073	
Details of commendation (include time and place):					
Mr. Walden was in the traffic office this date and expressed his desire to make a personal commendation for the above named officer.					
Mr. Walden stated he has had tickets before in some parts of the U. S. A., but never before was he treated with the courtesy he received from Officer Tippet.					
Mr. Walden further stated Officer Tippet showed confidence, and friendliness in his manner and for the first time in his life, he was issued a ticket by a man whom he would class as a perfect police officer. He also stated he was President of the American Servicemen Life Insurance Company of Ft. Worth, Texas and if Officer Tippet decided to leave the Police Department, he would be very glad to place him in a good position with his firm.					
Received	Date	Time	Phone	Letter	Person
	9-11-54	12:45 PM			XXX

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By Sgt. F. J. Alexander

PERSONNEL COMPLAINT

COMPLAINT No. 61-28.

Name of Complainant		Address		Res. Phone	
Mrs. Ruth Stegall		1322 South Marsalis		WHI-0918 FEL-8049	
Business		Address		Bus. Phone	
Housewife					
Receiving Date	Time	By Phone	By Letter	In Person	
May 6, 1961	3:30 p.m.	X			
Was Complainant Arrested?	No	Yes	Ticket	Jail	Other
	X		X		
Personnel Complained About:			Division		
Name J. D. Tippit			Radio Patrol		
Name			Division		
Platoon or Bureau Commander			Immediate Supervisor		
Captain C. E. Talbert			Sergeant H. F. Davis		
Nature of Complaint (include time and location):					
<p>Mrs. Stegall states the officer stopped her for running a blinking light and she could not find her drivers license. He gave her a ticket for both and she drove a short distance and found her license. She states she returned and the officer was talking to some men. She stopped across the street and showed the officer her license. He said, "O. K.", and she thought he would talk to her when he finished with the men, but he got in his car and drove away.</p>					
Witnesses: Name		Address		Phone	
Name		Address		Phone	
Name		Address		Phone	

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 OTHER ☐

COMPLAINT RECEIVED

By H. H. Stringer
 Sergeant of Police

ACTION Verbal ReprimandDATE 5/12/61 TIME

(Prepare in triplicate. In the event Personnel of more than one Division is affected make additional copy for other Commander.)

Handwritten initials/signature

Complaint of Mrs. Ruth Stegall

Officer J. D. Tippit entered the department July 28, 1952 and has the following complaints in his personnel file:

October 28, 1954	Failure to Appear in Court	- Letter of Censure.
May 12, 1955	" " " " "	- One Day Suspension.
January 22, 1958	Missed Radio Call	- Verbal Reprimand.
March 18, 1959	" " "	- Disp. Not Shown.
February 2, 1960	Failure to Appear in Court	- No Action.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Stringer
H. H. Stringer
Sergeant of Police
Personnel Bureau

HHS:mav

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 15, 1960

To: Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Failure to appear in Corporation Court
Officer J. D. Tippit ✓

Officer Tippit's report reflects negligence on his part in that he failed to notify the Information Desk of his inability to appear in Corporation Court.

Personnel records reveal that Officer Tippit was suspended one day in 1955 for failure to appear in Corporation Court. In that several years have elapsed since Officer Tippit failed to appear in Corporation Court it is recommended this report be made a part of his personnel file and that no further action be taken at this time.

NTF/ar

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N. T. Fisher
N. T. Fisher
Deputy Chief of Police
Patrol Division

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January 24, 1958

Mr. C. F. Hansson
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Miss-call sheet

Sir:

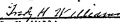
At 4:55 P. M., January 22, 1958, while working District 105, we left our car without notifying the dispatcher by radio and went into the office of Dr. Harold A. Mattson at 600 North Bishop. Officer Tippit had an appointment with the doctor to have some x-rays taken of an old ice pick wound sustained on duty. We intended to call the dispatcher by telephone from inside the doctor's office.

The telephone in the doctor's office was being used when we went into the office. We waited for about fifteen minutes and were then told that the x-ray could not be taken at the appointed time. Officer Tippit was told to report at a later date. The person using the telephone was still using it when we left. At 5:15 P. M. we phoned the dispatcher and he told us that we would have a miss-call.

Respectfully submitted,

JDT/GHW/tlf


J. D. Tippit
Patrolman #848


G. H. Williams
Patrolman #1098

Dallas, Texas
June 24, 1961

Dallas Police Dept

Dallas, Tex.

J.D. Tippitt
Patrol

May I take this means of
Commending Traffic Officer J. W.
Loring and the Police Officer
that investigated an Automobile
accident I was involved in on
the morning of Dec 20, 1961 near
North Wyndelwood Shopping Center

After completing their
investigation, the officers took
my Whisked Car home which was
no small task.

After that they took me to get
my baby and seen that we were
safely home.

Their courtesy and kindness
will always be remembered by
both my husband and I.

Please thank them again for
us.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Lora F. Durkin
Mrs. L. Durkin
Dallas.

their arrival, Tippit was told by complainant that her husband was inside the house armed with an ice pick and had run her out of the house, threatening to kill her and himself.

The complainant stated she thought her husband was crazy and wished the officers to disarm him and see that he got medical attention. This request brought an immediate response from Officer Tippit and his partner and, as they entered the house, the demented person stabbed both officers with an ice pick. Officer Tippit was stabbed in the stomach and the knee. The demented person was subdued by force and was not injured at all. Officer Tippit and his partner faced a great danger in an outstanding performance of police duty. Their only thought was to subdue the demented person without injuring him.

On September 2, 1956 at approximately 12:30 A. M. Officer Tippit and his partner checked out for routine investigation at 441 West Commerce. They observed a white male inside this place, who appeared to be intoxicated and asked him to accompany them outside. This person was sitting at a booth and as he got up, he drew a gun from his belt and told the officers to "stick 'em up." He had the gun pointed at Officer Tippit's face and as Tippit and his partner backed up a little the suspect pulled the trigger in an attempt to shoot Officer Tippit. The gun was an automatic and evidently one of the safety locks was still in position because the gun didn't fire. Officer Tippit and his partner drew their service revolvers and fired at the man until he fell. Officer Tippit advised his partner to call for an ambulance and tell the dispatcher what had happened. Officer Tippit immediately locked the business to hold the witnesses.

This person was dead on arrival at the hospital and was later identified as Leonard Garland, who was wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for an offense he committed in another state.

Officer Tippit did not have an accident in 1956. Tippit is a careful and courteous driver and sets a good example with his driving.

Officer Tippit has not had disciplinary action taken against him since entering the department.

The excellent judgement and quick thinking of Officer Tippit has been constant throughout the year of 1956. The action and performance of duty by Officer Tippit during 1956 deserves recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

WFD/cg

W. F. Dyson
Sergeant of Police
Radio Patrol Division

April 23, 1955

Mr. C. F. Hansson,
Chief of Police.

Subject: Injury of prisoner while in
custody, J. (io) Barney Hanson
w/n/61, 4422 W. Ottawa, Dallas.

Sir,

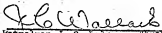
We submit the following for your information concerning the above prisoner.

At 5:10 P.M. this date we arrested this man in the 5100 block Singleton for D&D. We had three prisoners already in the car all for D&D. Two of these were handcuffed and the third man who was not handcuffed was behaving himself.

Upon placing J. Barney Hanson in the rear of the squad car, he jumped on San Richard Curbow (the prisoner that did not have handcuffs on). Curbow scratched Hanson on left side of nose before we got them separated. Hanson was given first aid at Police Emergency and placed in jail for D&D agg.

Respectfully submitted,


Patrolman J. D. Tippit #848


Patrolman J. C. Wallace, #1021

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. C. F. Hansson
Chief of Police

February 4, 1958

Subject: Missed Radio Call

Attached you will find a special report from Patrolmen J. D. Tippet and G. H. Williams regarding a missed radio call on January 22, 1958.

This is not an acceptable excuse, and I recommend the officers be verbally reprimanded for their failure to check out of service when leaving the squad car.

OPW/ar

O. P. Wright
O. P. Wright
Deputy Chief of Police
Patrol Division



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Miss Wright

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

November 2, 1954

To- Mr. J. E. Curry
Asst. Chief of Police

Subject:

Note the attached special report from Officer J. D. Tippit regarding his failure to appear in court on his regularly assigned court day.

This officer does not offer any excuse other than a switch of court days and his negligence. Since this is the first offense on this officer I recommend this report be made a part of his file and if a reoccurrence that he suffer the penalty of one day suspension.

OPW/a

OPW Wright
O. P. Wright
Deputy Chief of Police
Patrol Division

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February 9, 1960

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

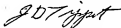
Subject: Failure to Attend
Corporation Court

Sir:

On February 3, 1960, at 10:00 A.M. in Corporation Court #3, ticket #793347, issued to Mr. Larry Lynn Leath, of 4225 Shelly Blvd, charged with Speeding 35 mph in 25 mph zone, was dismissed, reason shown - No prosecuting witness.

On this date I was sick and forgot to notify the court. I was off several days and did not know this report was needed until I returned to work February 9, 1960.

Respectfully submitted,



J. D. Tippit
Patrolman # 848

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JDT:bc

W-JA.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARD

<u>J. D. Tippit</u>	<u>Patrolman</u>	<u>Radio Patrol</u>
Name	Rank	Division

Certificate of Merit
Type of Award

<u>9-2-56</u>	<u>11-27-56</u>	<u>5-1-57</u>
Date of Act	Date Awarded by Meritorious Conduct Board	Date Presented

Nature of Act While Tippit and his partner were making a routine investigation at an Oak Cliff tavern, a man drew his gun and ordered both officers to raise their hands. As the man attempted to fire his weapon, both Tippit and his partner opened fire on the suspect.

W. R. Westbrook, Secretary
MERITORIOUS CONDUCT BOARD

O. T. Slaughter, Chairman
MERITORIOUS CONDUCT BOARD

PERSONAL COMMENDATION

Name of Employee Commended J. D. Tippit J. W. Loving		Division Patrol Traffic	
PERSON MAKING COMMENDATION			
Name	Address		Phone
Mrs. Lester F. Burke, 2302 South Polk Street, Dallas, Texas			
Details of commendation (include time and place):			
<p>"May I take this means of commending Traffic Officer J. W. Loving and the Radio Patrol Officer that investigated an automobile accident I was involved in on the morning of February 20, 1961, near North Wynnewood Shopping Center.</p> <p>"After completing their investigation, the officers took my wrecked car home which was no small task.</p> <p>"After that they took me to get my baby and saw that we were safely home.</p> <p>"Their courtesy and kindness will always be remembered by both my husband and I."</p>			
Received	Date 6-26-61	Time	Person
			Letter X

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By J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

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Reilly PERSONAL COMMENDATION

Name of Employee Commended Patrolman J. D. Tippit		Division Patrol			
PERSON MAKING COMMENDATION					
Name Mr. Leslie K. Green, Associate Minister, First Christian Church, Longview		Address		Phone	
Details of commendation (include time and place):					
<p>Mr. Green commended Officer Tippit's courtesy while issuing him a ticket for exceeding the speed limit. He stated that his respect for law enforcement officers was renewed by his contact with this officer.</p>					
Received	Date 4-5-54	Time	Phone	Letter X	Person

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By

C. O. Hanson
CHIEF OF POLICE

(Prepare in Quadruplicate)

The 3rd male - got off the telephone about 5:15pm and we called the dispatcher. We were informed that we missed a call and would get a missed call sheet.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. D. Tiffitt 848

Gladys H. Williams 1098

August 11, 1961

Mr. J.E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Missed Call Sheet

Sir:

At 1:38 P.M., August 1, 1961, while working squad # 83, I received a signal 18 call to 6th and Woodlawn. I heard the call dispatched and attempted to acknowledge. I tried to acknowledge the call two or three more times while proceeding to the location of the call.

At 1:41 P.M., squad # 91, the district squad of the location of my call, cleared. Squad # 91 was given the signal 18 at 6th and Woodlawn at 1:42 P.M. At this time I was able to contact the Dispatcher thinking he was transferring the call to the district squad. I did not realize I was being given a missed call sheet.

Respectfully Submitted,

J.D. Tippit ✓
J.D. Tippit
Patrolman # 848
Radio Patrol Division

JDT/ft

November 1, 1954

Mr. C. F. Hansson
Chief of Police

Sir:

I submit the following report concerning my failure to be in Corporation Court on October 28, 1954.

My court day had been on Monday since 1952. On October 1 1954 my court day was changed to Thursdays. On October 28, I realized it was my court day at 2:30 P.M. as I was having lunch with my neighbors family, who was at my house for lunch. Realizing I was supposed to be in court at 2:00 P.M. I called the court and as for the Prosecutor, they told me he was very busy, then I ask for the Court Clerk, I ask him if he could talk to the Prosecutor for me as he was busy. He told me he didn't believe I had any cases. I ask him to tell him if I had any cases if he would reset them for next week, he said he would tell him. This is the first time I have ever missed court since I have been working for the Department.

Respectfully submitted,


J. D. Tippit
Patrolman



October 15, 1962

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Loss of Police property.

Sir:

On October 13, 1962, I was assigned to work overtime traffic for the Texas-Oklahoma football game. I was assigned to work the intersection of Gaisford and Pennsylvania. The reporting time was 11:30 A.M. and I left the corner at 6:15 P.M. . During the time the game was being played I stayed in my car at this location.

When I arrived home I discovered I had lost my folder containing my I. D. card, warrant, and drivers license.

I went back and checked the location of my traffic assignment, the Fair Park Police station, and the Central Station property room. It had not been turned in.

Lost report number F-20823 was made.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Tippit

J. D. Tippit
Patrolman #848
Patrol Division

JDT/sab
11/18

PERSONAL COMMENDATION

Name of Employee Commended Patrolman E. J. Jackson ✓ Patrolman J. D. Tippit		Division Radio Patrol	
PERSON MAKING COMMENDATION			
Name		Address	
Mr. Richard G. Johnston, 1641 West Pentagon Parkway, Dallas, Texas		Phone	
Details of commendation (include time and place):			
<p>Mr. Johnston wrote me commending those officers for recovering some stolen property before he had discovered its loss. He also mentioned that at Christmas-time last year, Officer Jackson recovered some property which had been stolen from homes in his vicinity. He was very complimentary of the police department as a whole.</p>			
Received	Date 6-14-60	Time	Phone
			Letter xx
			Person

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By J. E. Curry, Chief of Police

(Prepare in Quadruplicate)

January 7, 1956

Mr. C. F. Hanson
Chief of Police

Subject: Injury to William Slaten Hunt
while under arrest and injury sustained
by Officer J. D. Tippit.

Sir:

The following report is submitted for your information.

While assigned to District 101 we received an attempt suicide call at 111 N. Bishop. On our arrival it was found that this was a disturbance involving arrested party. Sgt. W. G. Jennings was present at this call.

The arrested party was handcuffed and brought to the City Jail for Disturbing the Peace. On our arrival in the jail upstairs the handcuffs were removed as the prisoner was quiet. While writing up the arrest sheets the prisoner struck Officer J. D. Tippit in the right eye with his fist. The prisoner was subdued and received minor scratches about his face. Arrested party was treated in the jail by Police Emergency Doctor and released to be placed in jail, charged with Disturbing the Peace and Investigation of Aggravated Assault on Police Officer.

Officer Tippit was treated at Parkland Hospital for a small laceration above right eye and released for duty.

Witnesses to this incident were Officer S. O. Littlejohn and H. L. McGee.

J. D. Tippit
J. D. Tippit
Patrolman #884

W. E. Ritter
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Patrolman #1132


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DEPARTMENTAL AWARD

<u>J. D. Tippit</u>	<u>Patrolman</u>	<u>Radio Patrol</u>
Name	Rank	Division
<u>September 2, 1956</u>	<u>November 27, 1956</u>	
Date of Act	Date Awarded by Meritorious Conduct Board	Date Presented

Nature of Act For his conduct and the manner in which he handled a shooting with
Leonard Garland, at the Club 80, on the morning of September 2, 1956.


J. H. Sawyer
Secretary
MERITORIOUS CONDUCT BOARD


O. T. Slaughter
Chairman
MERITORIOUS CONDUCT BOARD

May 14, 1955

Mr. C. F. Hanson
Chief of Police

Subject: Failure to appear in
Corporation Court

SIR:

I submit the following report for your information.

I was scheduled to appear in Corporation Court May 12, 1955 at 11:00am. I had received a call, Burglary Investigation at 4903 Singleton and was checking some confidential information on suspects who were believed to have committed this burglary when it came time to leave my District and report to Corporation Court. As I had not finished checking this information I called the Corporation and requested some man who I was connected with on the phone to check the Court docket for any of my cases that were on the docket this date.

I was told over the phone that I did not have any cases to be tried, therefore I did not report to the Corporation Court.

Respectfully submitted,

J.D. Tippitt 248
J.D. Tippitt 884
Patrolman

Call Missed By Squad

Squad 105 Platoon 3rd

Address 1134 E. 1st St.

District 91

Nature of Complaint Dog Bite Vict.

Call Received P.C.C. Time 4:57 ^{A.M.}_{P.M.}

Squad Called First Time 5:00

Squad Called Second Time 5:01

Squad Called Third Time 5:02

Squad Contacted Time 5:20

Call Given to Squad No. 74 Time 5:04 ^{A.M.}_{P.M.}

Dispatcher Stanton Date 1-22-58

Call Missed By Squad

Squad 92 Platoon First
 Address 1306 BRIDGEMOOR
 District 92
 Nature of Complaint Live Turret

Call Received 11:10 AM Time 5:21 AM
 P.M.

Squad Called First Time 5:22

Squad Called Second Time 5:23

Squad Called Third Time 5:24

Squad Contacted Time 6:02

Call Given to Squad No. 83 Time 5:27 AM
 P.M.

Dispatcher P. K. Kinnery Date 3-18-57

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City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Mr. C. F. Hanson
To: Chief of Police

May 17, 1955

Subject: Failure to Appear in Court
Officer J. D. Tippitt

I concur in Deputy Chief O. P. Wright's recommendation that Officer Tippitt be suspended for one day without pay for his failure to appear in Corporation Court on his assigned day. This is the second time this officer has missed court, causing cases to be dismissed.

This officer was due in court at 11:00 A.M.. He stated that he was detained regarding a call on Singleton. He received this call at 9:00 A.M., and cleared from this call at 9:43 A.M.. This left him more than an hour to report to Corporation Court.

JSC/lc

J. E. Curry
Assistant Chief of Police

*attention
Tippitt
see '55 time card*

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July 10, 1961

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Mrs. Lester F. Burke
2302 South Polk Street
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Burke:

Thank you for your letter in which you commended Accident Investigator J. W. Loving and Patrolman J. B. Tippit for their courteous assistance near the North Wynnewood Shopping Center.

Your letter has been called to the officers' attention and has been made a part of their personnel files.

I am sure the officers appreciate, as I do, your very kind remarks and your taking the time to write me of this incident.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

JEC:PA

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM May 16, 1955

To: Mr. J. E. Curry
Asst. Chief of Police

Subject:

Attached you will find special report from J. D. Tippit, Patrolman in the Radio Patrol Division, setting out his reasons for not appearing in court on May 12th at 11:00am.

This is not an acceptable reason and recommend that we follow our policy of causing the officer to lose one day without pay where he cannot give an acceptable excuse and miss court the second time. This is the second time Officer Tippit has failed to be in court on his regular court day, consequently, I recommend one day without pay.

O. P. Wright

OFW/a

O. P. Wright
Deputy Chief of Police
Patrol Division

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Patrolman J. D. Tippit
Radio Patrol Division

July 10, 1961

Subject: COMMENDATION

Mrs. Lester F. Durke has commended you for your courteous assistance when she was involved in an automobile accident near the North Wynnewood Shopping Center on February 20, 1961.

This commendation will be made a part of your personnel file.

J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

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The only reason you and I are here is to assist the people of Dallas

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"MY DUTY"

My duty as a Police Officer covers many fields. Most of these require Patience, Tact, and Diplomacy, which takes most Officers many years to acquire. My duty takes me into all walks of life and many trying situations. I find that enforcing the Laws of the land and our City, is only the beginning of a Police Officer's duties. At the end of each tour of duty, I find I have learned something I did not know the day before.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Tippit
J. D. Tippit
Patrolman #848
Patrol Division

March 20, 1959

Mr. C. F. Hansson
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Call Missed by Squad

Sir:

While working Squad 92, March 18, 1959, we were given a radio call to 7304 Brierfield at 5:21 A.M. which we did not hear.

At approximately 5:45 A.M., while cruising our district, we were at Loop 12 and Cockrell Hill Road when we discovered that our radio was out of order.

We then proceeded to the Radio Station, stopping enroute to check the Kimble High School, 3600 South Westmoreland.

At Hampton and Illinois we stopped and called the dispatcher's office and was told by Officer V. L. McDaniel that they had been calling for sometime. At 6:02 A.M. we checked out with the dispatcher's office, enroute to the Radio Station. The attendant worked on the set for several minutes, replacing several tubes and finally replacing the unit.

We realize that we were negligent in not discovering the radio being out of order before we did and will make every effort to see there is no recurrence.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Tippit ✓

J. D. Tippit
Patrolman #848
Radio Patrol Division

H. M. Ashcraft

H. M. Ashcraft
Patrolman #949
Radio Patrol Division

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JDT & HMA/bb

April 19, 1964

Mr. Leslie K. Green
Associate Minister
The First Christian Church
North Sixth Street
Longview, Texas

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter commending the courtesy of Officer J. D. Tippit when he issued you a traffic ticket.

Officer Tippit has been informed of your commendation and a copy of your letter placed in his personnel file. I am sure he too will appreciate your comments.

Your reference to the inadequacy of our speed zone signs will be referred to the Traffic Engineer of the City of Dallas for his study.

Yours very truly,

C. F. HANSTON
CHIEF OF POLICE

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October 14, 1955

Mr. C. F. Hansson
Chief of Police

Subject: Theft of Shotgun

Sir:

We submit the following report for your information.

While working Squad #101 we stopped to check a tavern in the 5300 block of Bernal at 10:45pm. This was the last time both officers were out of the car at the same time. The loss of the shotgun #101 was discovered at the end of our tour of duty at 11:30pm.

Report made to Station 413, Theft Offense #B 22092.

Respectfully,


J. D. Fippit #848
Patrolman


F. Willis #1161
Patrolman

November 28, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Recommendation To The
Meritorious Conduct Board

Sir:

At 12:31 P.M., November 22, 1963 the President Of The United States, John F. Kennedy, and Governor John Connally were shot by rifle fire on Elm Street, west of Houston Street. The President expired at Parkland Hospital at 1:00 P.M. Governor Connally was critically wounded.

At 1:18 P.M. a call came over the Police Radio, "Hello, hello, an officer has been shot at 400 East Tenth, and I think he is dead."

The officer was J. D. Tippit #848 who was taken to Methodist Hospital by Dudley-Hughes Ambulance and pronounced DOA at 1:25 P.M. He was shot in the right temple, right chest, and the center of his stomach approximately three inches above his waist line.

The murderer of Officer Tippit was arrested a short time later in the Texas Theater, 231 West Jefferson. He was subsequently proven to be the same man that assassinated the President and wounded Governor Connally.

Officer Tippit was assigned on District 78 but was pulled in closer into the area of the assassination to cover. The murder occurred on District 91.

From the account of a witness, Officer Tippit stopped the suspect for interrogation, probably from a meager physical description. His clothing had been changed. They spoke briefly through the right front window of the squad car. The suspect was walking. The officer got out of his car and started around its front to the suspect when the murderer started shooting. The officer fell by the left front fender of his car.

I recommend that a Police Cross be awarded to Officer J. D. Tippit who lost his life in the performance of his duty.

Respectfully submitted,


Cecil E. Talbert
Captain of Police
Patrol Division

CET/bb

Call Missed By Squad

Squad 83 Platoon 2ND

Address 6TH + WOOD LAWN

District 91

Nature of Complaint FIRE CALL

Call Received MRS. WALKER Time 1:37 AM
PM

Squad Called First Time 1:38 PM 1:42 PM

Squad Called Second Time 1:39 PM

Squad Called Third Time 1:40 PM

Squad Contacted Time 1:42 PM

Call Given to Squad No. 91 Time 1:42 AM
PM

Dispatcher T.R. BURTON Date AUG. 1-1961

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